



Welcome to The Link Distributed Learning Centre

The following information will help guide your experience and ensure your success at The Link. Please keep this sheet to refer to as needed.

What is Distributed Learning?

Distributed Learning (DL) takes place when a student is primarily at a distance from the teacher, whether the student is at home or connecting to teachers from another learning facility. It is a method of instruction that relies primarily on indirect communication between students and teachers, including internet or other electronic-based delivery or teleconferencing.

As in a neighborhood school, students at The Link work to achieve learning outcomes as prescribed by the Ministry of Education and earn credit towards their Dogwood Diploma. The courses offered at The Link are no less rigorous than at a neighborhood school. The end result, therefore, is the same – it is the curriculum delivery model that is different.

For many students, this will be their first experience taking a course through distributed learning. It is important to understand that while DL does primarily take place at a distance, there are teachers available via email or for onsite tutorials as needed – all they have to do is ask! Being aware of the following guidelines and expectations will help ensure a smooth transition, and ultimately, increase the student's chance of success.

Student Responsibilities

- to complete all assignments to the best of their ability
- to submit work as instructed and clearly labeled to the appropriate teacher
- to maintain regular contact with teachers, keeping the school informed of any changes in information
- to work within mutually agreed upon timeframes
- to ask for help and clarification when needed

School Responsibilities:

- to provide students with meaningful learning activities that will allow students to meet the learning outcomes
- to provide students with regular, meaningful feedback that will enhance their understanding and help guide their learning
- to support student success within a distributed learning environment

Parent Responsibilities:

- to support at-home learning
- to provide students with a space at home to study
- to inform school of anything that interferes with student learning (personal or family reasons)

Communication:

Without a doubt, regular contact with the school is one of the greatest contributing factors to ensuring success. If the student is having difficulties, the sooner they contact us, the sooner we can help to find a solution. We are here to support in any way that we can, but especially without the daily face-to-face contact that students and teachers have in a neighbourhood school, it is imperative that students communicate with us in a timely and purposeful manner. Students and parents are encouraged to go to our website regularly as this is where new information will be posted (<http://thelink.sd61.bc.ca>). Students are expected to give their teachers weekly updates, either by email, phone or dropping by.

Reporting:

Students and parents can keep informed of on-going progress by checking the learning platform (Moodle) regularly. Parents have an option of auditing the student's account, where they can have access to assignment feedback, grades, and announcements.

Exams:

Students may write tests onsite or can make arrangements to write at their local high school under supervision of a School District #61 staff member. Tests will not be sent home and may not be supervised by family members, friends, or tutors.